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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): HEART-SOUND DETECTING APPARATUS

By (Inventors): Kiyoyuki NARIMATSU, Toshihiko OGURA

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-13; 13 sheets) are attached.
☐ Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.
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☒ This patent application is assigned to COLIN CORPORATION.
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☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
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☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2001-186222 filed June 20, 2001 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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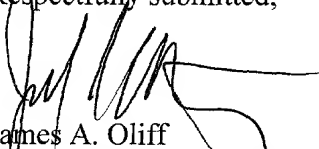
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